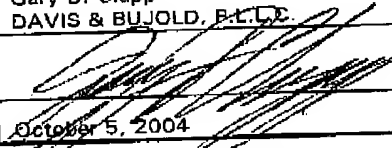
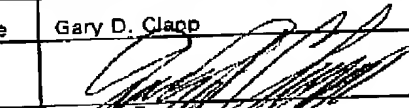


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**In the Specification:**

Please amend page 5, line 21 through page 4, line 2 of the specification as follows in which the specification additions are shown by underlining and the specification deletions are shown by ~~strikeout~~. Please enter the replacement specification paragraphs into the record of this case.

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**[PAGE 5, LINE 21 THROUGH PAGE 6, LINE 2]**

As shown in FIG. 1A, object-oriented, virtual-machine-executable software 110, stored inside one or more files, is read and processed by a virtual machine 120 that has been enhanced as described herein. This occurs in the same manner as would be the case using a conventional virtual machine, such as the Java JAVA™ (Java) virtual machine or the Common Language Runtime. The Java virtual machine is manufactured by SUN Microsystems Inc. The Common Language Runtime is manufactured by the Microsoft Corp.